Common Ground From the Mountains to the Sea

San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan

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RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY RMC OVERVIE W

- RMC Mission
 - Open Space
 - Low-Impact Recreation
 - Education Uses
 - Watershed Improvements
 - Wildlife and Habitat

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RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY RMC REPRESENTATION

- 13 Voting members
 - Cities: San Gabriel Valley, Gateway
 Cities & Orange County
 - LA County Supervisor
 - Water Associations: San Gabriel Valley
 & Central Basin
 - Citizen
 - State: Resources, Environmental Protection & Finance
- 7 Ex-Officio members

Common Ground

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RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY PLAN ELEMENTS

- Vision
- Guiding Principles
- Strategies
- Opportunities
- Plans

 A network of livable, sustainable communities connected by open space

> Restore Balance to the Watershed

Grow Greener

Enhance Waters

Plan Together



Grow Greener



- Expand Open Space
- Access to OpenSpace
- Increase Habitat
- Trail Network
- Sustainable Growth

Enhance Waters



- Maintain Flood Protection
- Water Quality
- Riverfront Greenways
- Optimize Water Resources
- Restore Ecosystems

Plan Together



- Coordinate Planning
- Public Education & Outreach
- Multiple Objective Planning
- Planning Based on Science
- Periodic Plan Review

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY STRATEGIES

- Education and Outreach
- Foster Partnerships
- Identify Funding
- Use Guiding Principles to Plan
- Management of Public Land
- Monitoring & Assessment

Connectivity



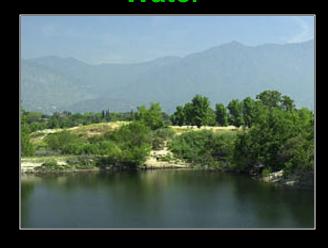
Wildlife



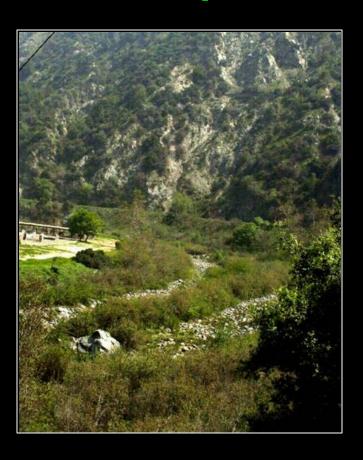
Open Space



Water

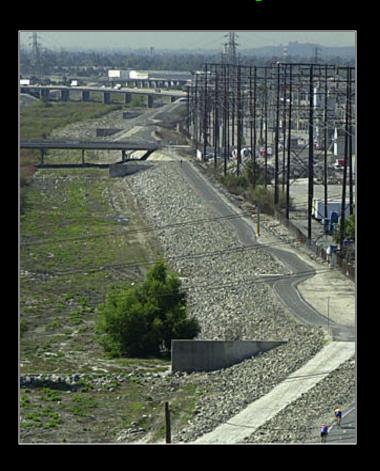


Land Acquisition & Open Space



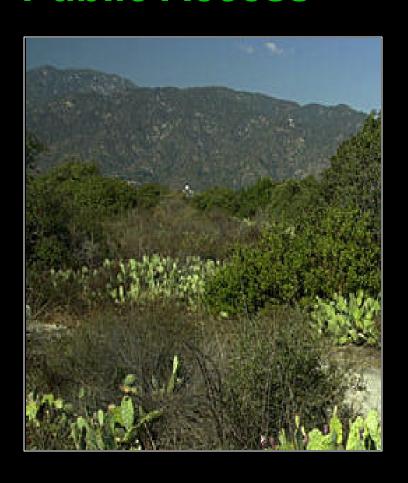
- Mountains, Foothills, & Hills
- Urban Lands
- Community Gardens
- Private Lands

Connectivity



- River Parkways
- Tributaries
- Trails & Bike Paths
- Connect communities to Rivers and Parks

Public Access



- Create New Facilities
- Expand & Improve Existing Facilities
- Provide Educational Venues
- Provide signage & wayfinding systems

Water



- Restoration of river and creek ecosystems
- Establish riverfront greenways
- Improve quality of surface water and groundwater
- Optimize water resources
- Maintain and improve flood protection

Wildlife



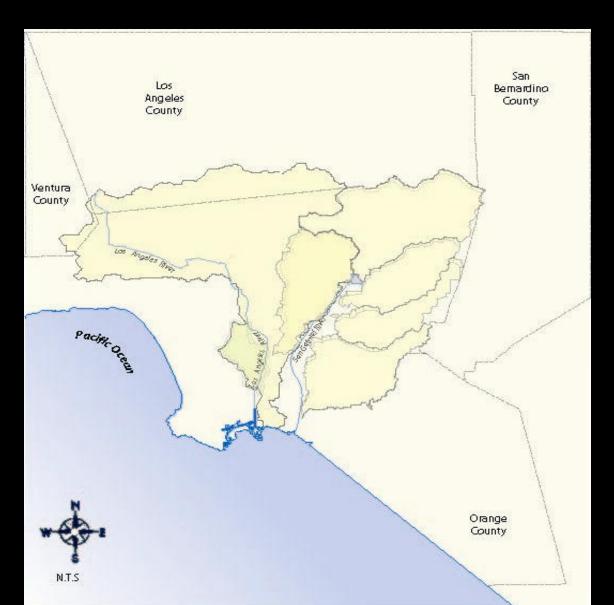
- Protect existing habitat
- Restore aquatic and terrestrial riparian and upland habitat
- Coordinate efforts to remove invasive species
- Maintain wildlife corridors
- Identify indicator species

- River Parkways
- Tributaries
- Trails & Bike Paths
- Mountains, Hills & Foothills
- Habitat Preservation

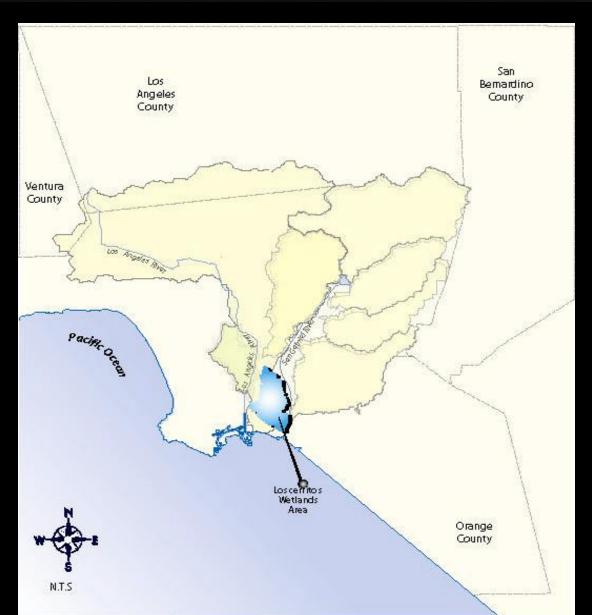
- River Parkways & Tributaries
 - Los Angeles River Master Plan
 - San Gabriel River Master Plan
 - Proposition 13 Sub Watershed
 Planning Grants Rio Hondo, Coyote Creek,
 Upper San Gabriel River

- Habitat Preservation Habitat & Science Panel
 - Detailed study of existing and historical habitat
 - Comprehensive mapping of potential conservation sites
 - Rank potential sites according to conservation value

Watershed Planning Efforts



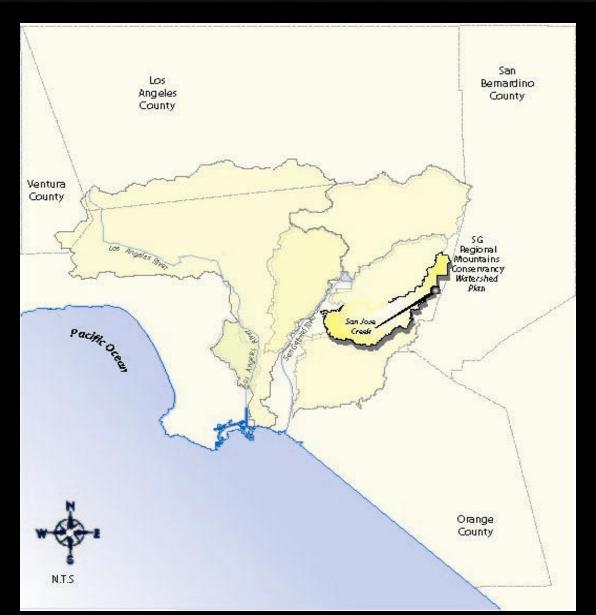
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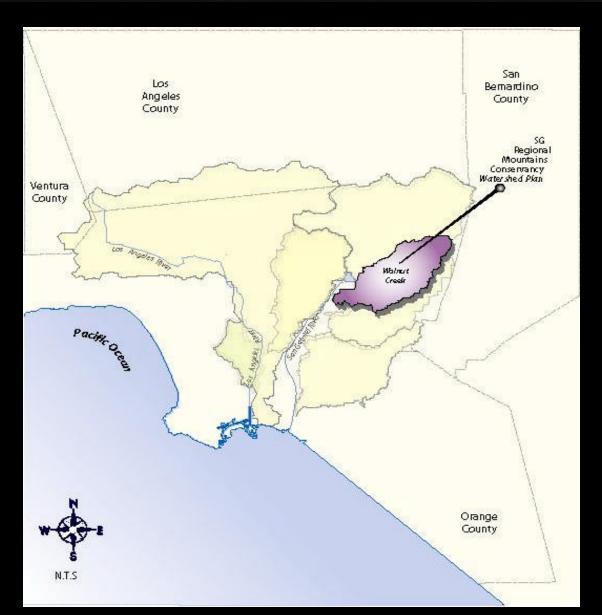
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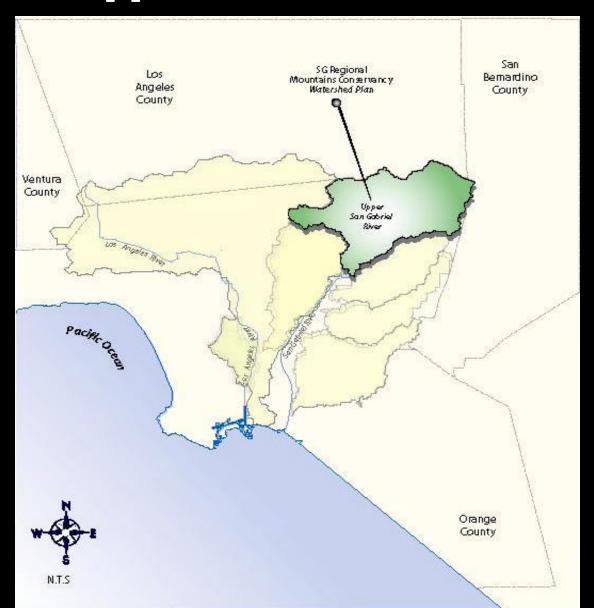
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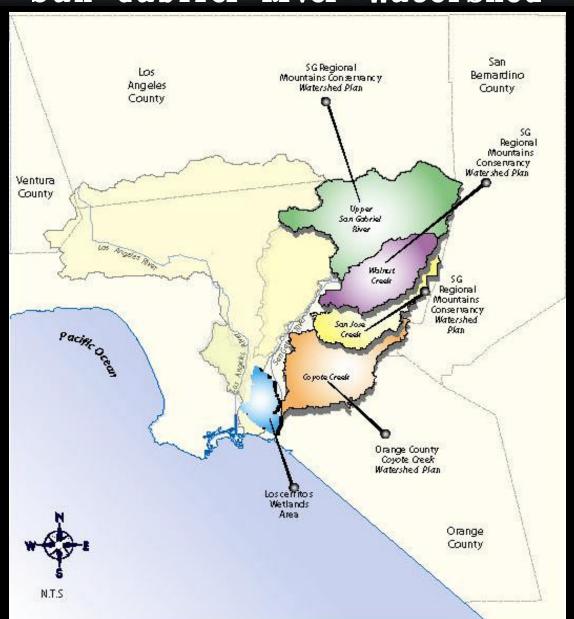
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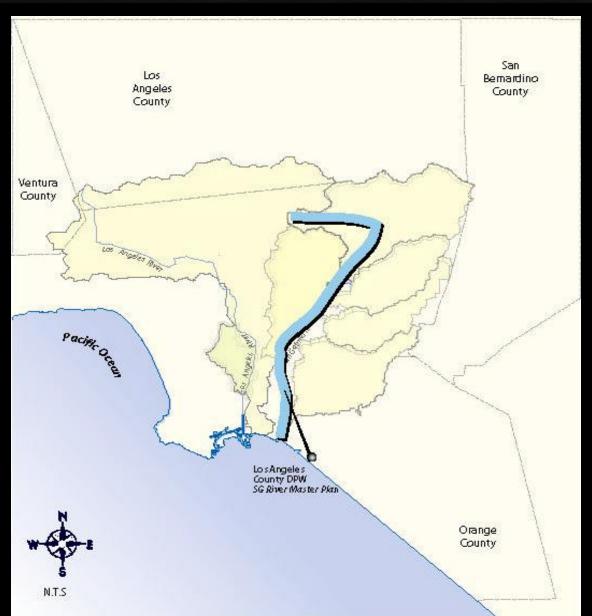
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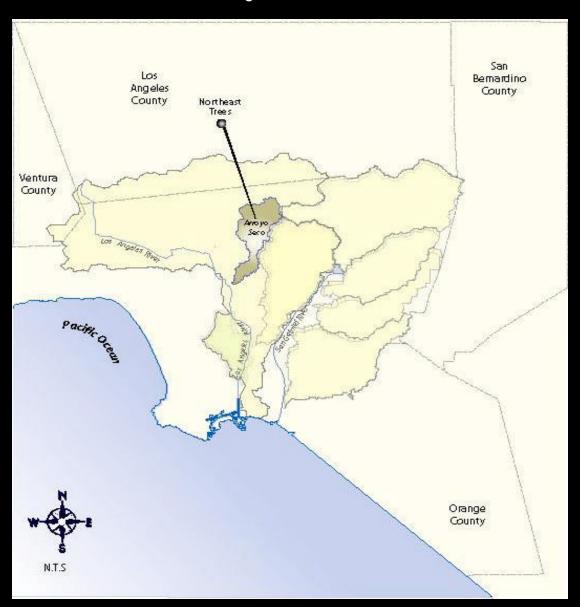
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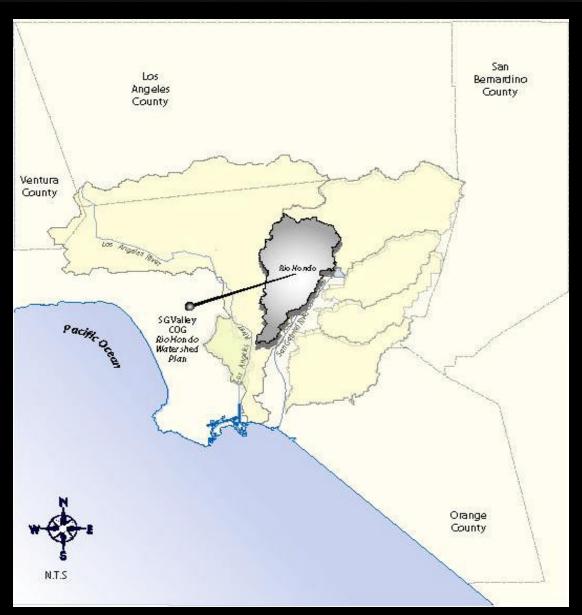
San Gabriel River Master Plan



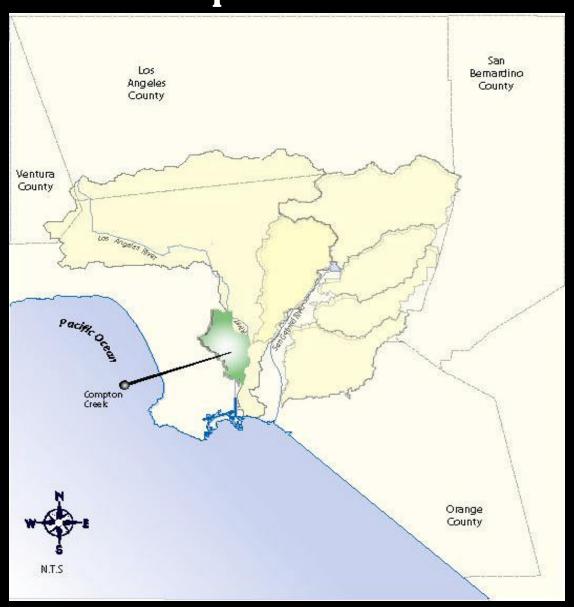
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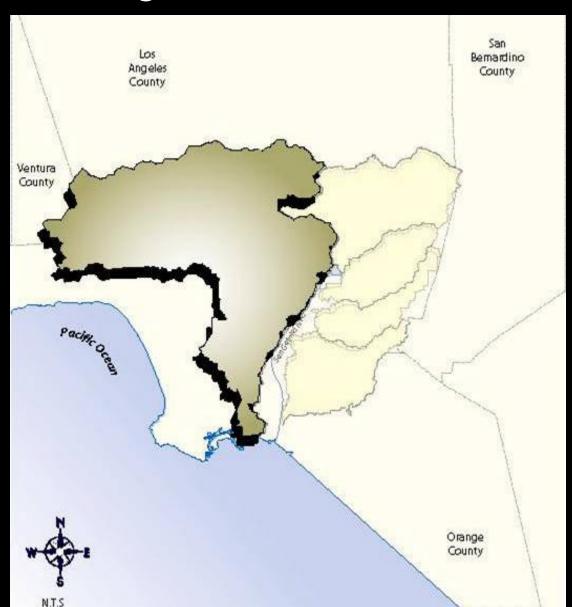
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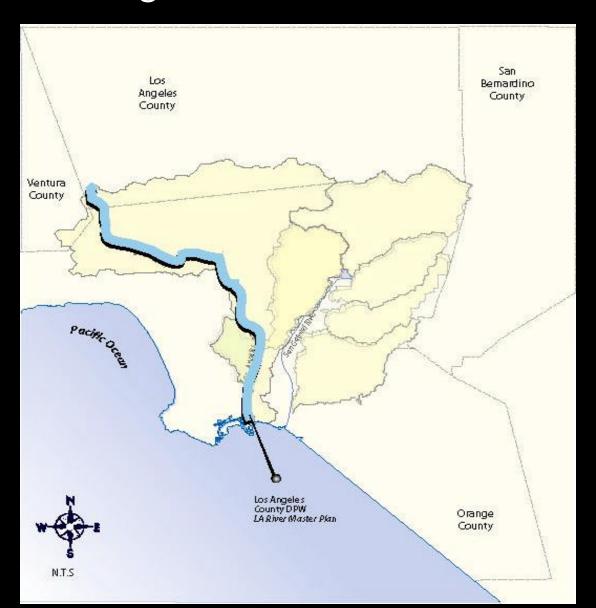
Compton Creek



Los Angeles River Watershed



Los Angeles River Master Plan



RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY Green Visions Plan



Accomplishment Highlights

- 2003/04 Workprogram
 - 230 projects
- Grants \$35 Million awarded to date, Props 40 & 50
 - Over \$11M for 25 projects near waterways
 - Los Angeles River system: 8 projects, \$6.4M
 - San Gabriel River system: 17 projects, \$4.7M
 - Multi-objective, river-related: 10 projects, \$8.3M
- New JPA Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Facilitate project implementation
 - Workprogram Grant, \$13M
- Assisted in allocation of \$25M to LA & SG River projects from Resources Agency
- Another \$25M available in FY 04/05 and 05/06

